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**SAN FRANCISCO WOMAN PLEADS
GUILTY TO DEBIT CARD SCHEME**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on November 28, 2006, **TWAVIDA CEARAY PLUMMER**, age 29, of San Francisco, California, pled guilty to bank fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.

Plummer faces a maximum sentence of 30 years in federal prison, a \$1,000,000 fine, and up to five years on supervised release. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Plummer admitted during the plea to attempting to defraud the National City Bank located at 34th and Broadway by engaging in a debit card scheme in an attempt to obtain an authorized cash advance from the bank. **Plummer** admitted that she and one or more accomplices traveled to the Louisville area in order to carry out fraudulent cash advance schemes at local area banks. **Plummer** admitted to attempting to carry out the plan by entering the National City Bank at 34th and Broadway with a debit card issued in her name. Knowing that she did not have sufficient credit to cover an advance, she approached a bank employee and requested a \$3,000 cash advance against her debit

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card. The bank employee informed **Plummer** that her cash advance request was denied. In order

to convince the bank to authorize the cash advance, the defendant placed a call to an accomplice acting as an employee of the credit card company that issued **Plummer** the card. **Plummer's** accomplice fraudulently advised the bank that the credit card company authorized the requested advance.

Bank employees suspected foul play and notified the Louisville Metro Police. The police and U.S. Secret Service agents responded and arrested **Plummer**.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jim Lesousky, and it was investigated by the United States Secret Service Electronic Crimes Task Force and the Louisville Metro Police Department.

Plummer is scheduled to be sentenced by United States District Court Judge Charles R. Simpson, III on February 20, 2007 at 2:30 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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